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Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association Celebrates 20 Years

KALAMAZOO, Michigan — For 20 years the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association (GLAMA) has been a significant force in providing southwest Michigan residents with opportunities to enjoy, participate in, and learn about acoustic music. To celebrate that mission and milestone, GLAMA will present *GLAMAVERSARY*, an afternoon and evening of music at Kalamazoo Valley Community College's (KVCC) Texas Township campus on Saturday, October 5.

National acts Robin & Linda Williams and Pat Donohue will headline the event. They will join local and regional artists leading workshops from 12 noon - 5 p.m. in the afternoon and take the stage for a 7 p.m. concert at KVCC's Dale B. Lake Auditorium. West Michigan's own Joel Mabus will also lead an afternoon workshop and serve as Master of Ceremonies at the concert, during which GLAMA founders will be recognized.

For more than four decades **Robin & Linda Williams** have performed a robust blend of bluegrass, folk, old-time and acoustic country that combines wryly observant lyrics with a wide-ranging melodicism. Today some might call it "Americana," but these two revered music masters were living and breathing this elixir 20 years before that label was turned into a radio format. As live performers they are second to none. Their stirring concerts have earned them a huge body of fans over the years. But as gifted songwriters Robin and Linda have earned an even rarer honor, the devotion and deep respect of their musical peers. As *The Washington Post* put it, "The Williams' are able to sum up a life in a few details with moving completeness."

Grammy winning fingerpicker **Pat Donohue's** devotion to acoustic guitar has made him an American standard, as he echoes the tones of Robert Johnson, Blind Blake, Merle Travis or Muddy Waters. A versatile guitarist's guitarist, Pat enjoys entertaining fans with intricate fingerpicking, easy wit, and nimble interpretations of old blues, swing, R&B and original tunes. For over twenty years Pat was the lead guitar player and songwriter for the "Guy's All Star Shoe Band" on the NPR favorite *A Prairie Home Companion*. Pat is now touring the US playing a variety of venues, including Performance Halls, Coffeehouse series and in blues, folk and eclectic listening rooms.

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"We are pleased and excited to celebrate 20 years and to host these fine artists," says GLAMA board president Kathy Nichols. She encourages everyone who can to attend the afternoon workshops as well as the evening concert. "It's a great way to get to know the musicians —rub shoulders with them—and to learn from them," she notes.

Tickets are \$25 for the Workshops and Concert and \$15 for the Concert alone. They can be purchased online at greatlakesacoustic.org/glamaversary and at Broughton Music (4528 W KL Avenue, Kalamazoo) and Marshall Music (951 Mall Drive, Portage).

GLAMA is an all-volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to acoustic music—the blend of stringed instruments and voices that tell stories and knit together generations of music makers, songwriters, and listeners. Since its inception, GLAMA has worked to widen the circle of acoustic music listeners and players in southwest Michigan, sponsoring concerts, workshops and festivals and hosting free, regularly scheduled jams, community sings and other activities. For more information, visit greatlakesacoustic.org.

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Details at a glance:

20th GLAMAVERSARY Celebration Concert and Workshops
October 5, 2019
Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Texas Township Campus
Workshops: 12 noon - 5p.m., details TBA
Concert: 7 p.m.: Robin and Linda Williams & Pat Donohue with MC Joel Mabus
Tickets: Concert and workshops \$25; Concert only \$15
Tickets available:
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